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SECURITY INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

FROM: Training Officer, OSO

SUBJECT: Area Seminars

1. Attached are the estimated figures for the OSO participation in foreign area seminars to be conducted during the summer months. The total of fifty is broken down into four seminars for Russia, Far East, S. E. Asia and Eastern Europe.

2. No participation is possible in any external full time program due to the inability of our operating divisions to release personnel for a considerable length of time. It is recommended that the internal seminars be conducted on a daily basis for about two hours per day.

3. In connection with the internal area program, it is suggested that:

a. The instruction and seminars concentrate on the anthropological and sociological aspects of the particular areas, and on problems peculiar to the area effecting handling and dealing with various types of indigenous personnel, motivations for cooperation with Americans, current attitudes toward America, Communism, the USSR, etc.

b. The prospective instructors be asked to furnish several weeks in advance lists of suggested readings on all aspects of the respective areas of study. These will not only be useful to students in the seminars, but to all personnel who require outside reading on their areas.

4. Other suggestions will be forwarded soon after we know definitely the seminars will be conducted.

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